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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): TANI, Kenji; OGAWA, Kazuma; TSUBOOKA, Satoshi  
and IDE, Takashi

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of One hundred and twenty-five (125) pages
- ☒ Thirty-one (31) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-65215; 2003-147647; 2003-347482 and 2003-348631 filed in JAPAN on March 11, 2003; May 26, 2003; October 6, 2003 and October 7, 2003,.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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